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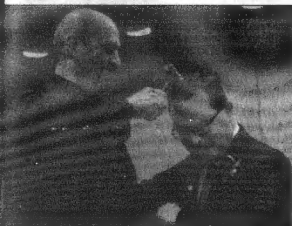
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Mayor reflects on year past, looks ahead to 2014

Housing expected to be major topic in 2014

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

The past 365 days have been busy ones for the Town of Drayton Valley, with a list of accomplishments Mayor Glenn McLean says will continue in 2014 to make the CETC a reality. In the coming months he also expects the town will see more movement in the development of the Bio-Mile itself. This past year the town passed the Bio-Mile Business Park Area Structure Plan and began work to get the land set aside for the Bio-Mile development ready. Work has been ongoing behind the scenes, but McLean notes that when working to create new industry for the town it can be hard to envision what will mean for the community once developed. He's hoping that in 2014 some of the discussions and work that has been ongoing will move to the next step.

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also that Drayton Valley is a place where people want to live, he notes.

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porary accommodations such as holiday trailers. "If it's not the No. 1 issue it's very close," said McLean, of housing.

Both Drayton Valley Town Council and Brazeau County Council are expected to discuss recommendations set out in the Housing Condition Index early in 2014.

The housing issue is just one of several the Town of Drayton Valley and Brazeau County are working on jointly.

When it comes to their counterparts in Brazeau County strengthening the relationship between the two municipalities will continue in 2014 as the two councils elected in October, 2013 settle into their roles.

As well as seeing McLean elected to his position, the 2013 election saw high community engagement

with a large number of candidates putting their names forward for the six council positions. McLean said this past election was also significant in the town's political history.

For the first time the town council is comprised of a majority of women.

"I think it's a very significant moment in our political evolution," he said. Personally, as the father of daughters, he finds it encouraging that more women are taking the opportunity to get involved in municipal government.

Encouraging that involvement is also something the Town of Drayton Valley has been recognized for, as it received accolades for its Pilot Women in Government program that was run in 2012.

Something else McLean finds encouraging is the work that was completed in

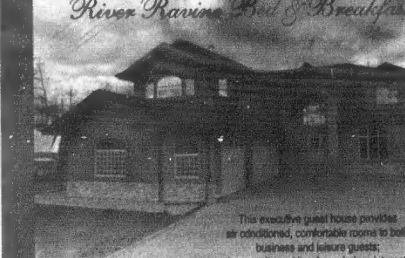
the area of governance last year. From that work came the creation of a Council Code of Conduct, which was passed just prior to this year's election campaign.

Looking ahead to 2014 McLean anticipates that the housing issue and continued development of the Bio-Mile will figure prominently for the town.

With the development seen in 2013 both in housing, commercial and industrial, as well as the work done by outside groups and volunteers who work to build the community, McLean sees it as a positive sign heading into 2014.

"I think it shows that the economy is working well. I think it shows that local business has faith in the community and its economic prospects," he said. "That's the evidence that there's opportunity here."

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Regular meeting of Town Council
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6:00 p.m. in the Town Office

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To ensure that the public has had adequate opportunity to express any concerns regarding the proposed Noise bylaw, the Mayor and Council offer the following summary of the bylaw.
The new noise bylaw intention is to bring the bylaw up to date. There are definitions, new sections, penalties and permits that are being added to the bylaw for it to become current. The adding of definitions with clearly defined terms used in the bylaw, makes it clear to all what or who is being referred to in each section. For example there is a definition to indicate who the owner of a property is, in contrast to who an occupant might be.
There are sections for Industrial, Construction and General noise. For industrial their day to day noises are allowed day or night, in their industrial zone. For construction their day to day noise can only occur between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., unless there are circumstances for which they have applied for a permit to be working outside those hours. Each permit request will be considered with all aspects of the area and times taken into consideration. General noise refers to those noises in neighbourhoods which are disturbing to those in the immediate area. For example, this is where a noisy party would fall under. There is also consideration given for time of day, type, duration of noise, surrounding area and activities of the person being disturbed.
Each situation of noise must be given consideration in the context that it occurs. That being said there are fines and written remedies for those noises that are considered to be unnecessary, unusual or disturbing. The fines are on a scale so as to be a deterrent for those creating the noise to cease their noise making. The town also has the ability to permit noises which otherwise might be considered unnecessary, unusual or disturbing to occur on an event by event basis. This is where a concert might be allowed to occur near a residential area. Again each situation would be given at consideration before any permits are issued.
The complete noise bylaw can be viewed on the Town of Drayton Valley's website: <http://www.draytonvalley.ca> under Noise Bylaw 2013. This bylaw will be before Council for 3rd reading on January 8th, 2014. Any comments or concerns must be received at the Town office by January 7th, 2014.

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The Town of Drayton Valley, as the administrators of an Area Structure Plan for the Bio-Mile lands located at the south end of town (SE 54-7-7-W5M, across from Tim Hortons), will be holding an open house on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 to share the proposed textual amendments to the Bio-Mile Business Park Commercial Industrial Part with the community. Between the hours of 3pm and 5pm, the public is invited to visit the Town Office to meet with administration and review the proposed amendments.

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2013 was a busy year for Brazeau County

Ranged from fires and elections to anniversaries

Lesley Allan
Western Review

A lot can happen in one year and that was the case for Brazeau County as 2013 proved to be a year filled with change, momentous occasions and growth. Starting out like any spring began with something that wasn't new to the area but very much unwelcome. Wildfires burned in both Lodgepole and the Lindale area, and although the potential for loss was high what many remember is not the blaze itself, but what came as a result.

"It's never a good thing

to deal with that, but what I look at through those incidences is what happened afterwards and how people were through the whole emergency," shares Division 4 Councillor Kara Westlund. "It sure gave you a sense of community the way everybody came together and residents were helping one another."

"The way emergency services handled the situation was phenomenal. I mean it's never easy either leaving your home or trying to tell someone to leave their home and that's what I really reflect back on as those big things and just in the end how it was a real sense of community when it was over."

This sense of community was not only found in moments of struggle, but in times of great change as well.

Late 2013 being an election year for municipalities across Alberta meant that cities, towns and counties would be met with the possibility of new leadership. Here in Brazeau County the possibility of change was high as candidacy numbers proved that the community was ready for change and, higher voter turnout showed that people were paying attention.

"It was really exciting this year. It was only my second election that I've been involved in, but I found it incredibly positive. It was energetic, and the community was really engaged this time around," says Westlund. "Looking at the sheer number of candidates we had running, I think that was absolutely amazing and a reflection on people wanting to get involved and people wanting to be a part of the process."

"I feel that's so important and sometimes in the past that's been lacking," she adds. "I think it was an absolutely phenomenal election and to have that many candidates and the choice to pick is huge and means a lot to the community."

Voting aside, the election marked the end of an era as one of the area's longest and most involved politicians stepped down as reeve and looked towards retirement.

"We (Westlunds) have been, and will continue to be a big part of this community and county as well," shares Westlund. "I know for me personally he's been a mentor, a colleague, and really at the end of the day what I really take to heart is that he's a friend."

"I wish him all the best," she adds. "But as I've already told him he's one of my go-to people if I've got questions because he's a wealth of knowledge and a wealth of information, and just because he's retired doesn't mean he's going anywhere. He's still a part of the community."

A part of the history that makes up Brazeau County, Westlund's retirement also fell in sync with a momentous occasion as the county



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Brazeau County CAO Marco Schoeninger gives Reeve Wes Tweedie an affectionate goodbye after his last council meeting in October. Tweedie opted to retire in 2013 after more than two decades of service as an elected official including being part of the team that won the 1988 Municipal District of Brazeau No. 77 in 1988.

celebrated its 25th anniversary of being an independent municipality.

Proud of what those who have come before her at the council table have accomplished, Westlund says it's an honour to be a part of that history, not just from her side of the table but all that work in the past but all that she hopes to do to push the area forward into the future.

"It's very overwhelming. I decided to run and do this part for my community because I wanted to continue to see it grow and continue to be an even better community into the future," she says.

Having served on council

from 2007 to 2010, Pat Vos is passionate about the community of Brazeau County and is appreciative that people supported her ideas and goals for the area.

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Thick smoke billows above the Hamlet of Lodgepole in May when a massive wildfire consumed residents of the community for several days.

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Work will continue on Land Use Bylaw in 2014

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Looking forward to what the future can bring, Vos strongly believes that great things can be achieved for the area as a whole if past relationships continue to grow and be worked on.

"I'd like to continue to co-operate in a meaningful productive way with our community partners," she says. "Whether it's other governments or organizations that are building community."

One of the important relationships for Brazeau County is that with the Town of Drayton Valley, something Vos acknowledges will bring great change and growth potential for the area.

"If town and county continue to co-operate I think between infrastructure and housing, then workforce strategy (EARN), those are some of the pieces of the puzzle that really need to come together for people so that each community can continue to grow in a way that we have the potential to grow," she says.

Another thing important to the growth of the area is something that is not new at all and certainly something that has been discussed during 2013 as council looked to make changes to the Land Use Bylaw, and will once again search for change as they move into 2014.

"It's a big test and it's definitely not done. It was a big step in opening that and saying that it isn't

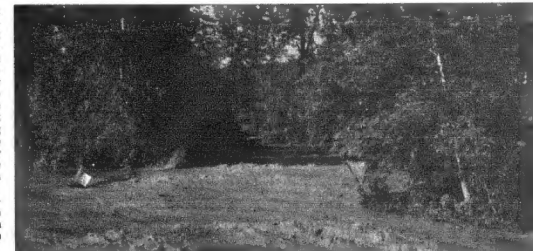
working. It wasn't working and it isn't working, we have to re-examine it. We need a made in Brazeau County solution" explains Westlund. "The Land Use Bylaw right now is not a tailor made document for our residents, or our businesses, and the people who make this community and make Brazeau County what it is. It's not working for them, it's not working for anyone, and we definitely do need to sit down and I feel strongly that we need to start back from the beginning, basically from scratch and move forward."

Changes such as these are necessary as a community grows and an important part of giving the area a viable future as things continue to grow throughout the province.

"As a council I'd like to continue providing good governance, build the necessary infrastructure, and continue to position our community to prosper as Alberta grows from 4 million to 5 million people in the next few years," says Vos.

Making growth in business easier is an important part of looking to the future, but another important feature is how to support what growth will bring and this is something Vos believes will come through co-operation between municipalities in the area.

"It would look like in five years we have enough water volume and enough water pressure to support a community with another 1,500 res-



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Although rowers near as severe as damage seen in the southern part of the province, Brazeau County wasn't immune to some flooding in June as parts of Wilsey Wet Campground were washed away when the North Saskatchewan River spilled over its banks.

idents, but to that's what it would look like," she says. "Also to make sure that we are a little ahead of the curve in the areas where growth is to occur so that the water and sewer lines are in and there's some access."

Looking ahead to what's to come, councillor and reeve alike look forward

to the opportunity to give back to the community through hard work and support, but during these holiday times what they want most is for ratepayers and businesses alike to enjoy themselves and their family.

"I know we get caught up in the big shuffle and bustle of the season, but to really sit down and have time with your family and really appreciate the small things that you have in your life [is important]," shares Westlund. "I wish everyone a happy New Year. I'm just very excited, and I hope they're excited as well, to see what the next four years are going to bring us."

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Municipalities have lots to keep them busy in New Year

As the curtain lifts on a new year, there are plenty of issues waiting for Drayton Valley and Brzeau County council to address. Some of those will be tackled independently, but there are some that the neighbouring municipalities have already started working on co-operatively that should see some forward motion this coming year.

At the top of that list is housing. Diversity and affordability of housing is something that has been a long-standing problem in the area and one that has an impact on all other facets of the community, from planning and development and bylaw enforcement to community services and economic prosperity.

The two municipalities came together in 2013 to commission a Housing Condition Index Study using stakeholder feedback and available data. The draft study is complete and both councils will be discussing its recommendations in the coming months. It's a discussion that will need to include not just the municipalities but the broader community and be informed by work being done by a multi-agency priority and homelessness committee that has been set up, as well as private developers and industry. There will be no easy answers and finding

solutions will be an ongoing challenge. However, if the municipalities are serious about addressing this huge issue they will need to decide what role they want to take and how much of it they want to do together. The other issue that should see some resolution in 2014 is that of regional tourism. A regional tourism plan and proposed branding was presented to both councils last summer, but since then nothing has happened. At the time councilors expressed concern, especially over the branding, but no further action was taken. While the branding needs work, there were some valuable recommendations in the plan itself that haven't been addressed in any way by either council.

A joint meeting to talk more about where to go from here has been set up for January and councils need to decide what they want to do. If not ready to take on at this point then they need to end the conversation for now and turn their attention to other projects. If they do want to pursue it, it's time to move out of limbo and decide how to make that happen and how much it will cost.

With both just being two of many projects on tap 2014 is already shaping up to be a busy year.

My year according to FB

Sometimes, when I'm flipping the page on my calendar, I find myself gripped with a kind of panic as I desperately search my mind to determine just what the fuck I've done with the last 30 (or 31) days. If no shining achievement or notable event comes to mind the panic escalates. "What are you doing with your life?" my psyche screams at me. "Days are passing and things are not happening!"

Those sentiments are magnified 12 times when I have to take the calendar off the wall altogether, as is the case this week. It's enough to send me and the glass "Toblerone" bar I got for Christmas into the corner where we can cut up in the fetal position and wait for more positive thinking to assert itself.

Thankfully this year my old social media friend Facebook has attempted to save me from insanity by thoughtfully providing me with a year in review. It promises to show me my 20 biggest moments on Facebook for 2013. I eagerly scrolled through knowing this was exactly what I needed to remind me of all the things I've done and memories I've accumulated in 2013.

Facebook got off to a rather sluggish start in my opinion by highlighting a comment I made last year about how much it will cost. With both just being two of many projects on tap 2014 is already shaping up to be a busy year.



There and Back
Courtney Whalen

her's something to prove. While I stand by the moderately witty comment, I would hesitate to hang my year on it.

We move onto achievement over a new hire in January, always a highlight. Of course, usually it's a highlight that doesn't last as we've seen two reporters come and go in the last 12 months.

The next post is puzzling to me. Facebook has determined that a vintage photo of myself in ridiculously oversized glasses, an equally ridiculously oversized t-shirt, unfortunately patterned shorts, massive hair barrette and off-putting scowl at approximately age 13 or 14 should be included. My father sent me the picture earlier in the year and I pointed it to give people some laughs. It wasn't a particularly life-changing post. Although looking at it does give me a slight boost about the fact that my sense of style has evolved slightly since then.

So far not much to quiet my psyche. Things improve slightly at Facebook picks other highlights like a now deleted I really liked, an annual shopping weekend that always has, birthday cake baked for me by a co-worker, and a reminder of a fabulous girl's day of high tea and opera to Kins.

Then the reminders of a day spent driving along the David Thompson Highway playing with my camera, a blissful weekend spent on a beach in B.C., a visit from my parents, a trip to visit some friends from high school and some self-congratulations on the work our editorial team did at election time.

My obsession with Shrek, the man who plays him, Benedict Cumberbatch, did not even get a mention in Facebook's highlight reel despite numerous posts about both throughout the year, but my Holmes' inspired Halloween costume did. The list concluded with several Christmas-related posts. While I'm not sure all of Facebook's choices are ones I would have considered highlights, it was certainly an eclectic list that reminds me I've had a busy 2013. OK, I may not have earned an any major life path, but I've been far from idle. It's enough to bring me up out of the fetal position, if not enough to make me relinquish the Toblerone.

Here's to a highlight-filled 2014!

Opinion

Find the courage to take action

Have you ever felt that a lack of confidence was holding you back from living up to your true potential? When reaching out for your greatest goals and dreams do you fear that you won't have what it takes? I sure have, and I felt it again just recently.

I am really excited about the great opportunities coming to our community in 2014. However, for some reason I became stressed over my ability to organize them. Deep inside I know I am the right person for the job, but I just couldn't shake the feelings of anxiety and self-doubt. Sometimes I have to remind myself that those feelings can be overcome so I can achieve my goals and dreams. I needed to change these negative thoughts and give myself permission to become the best possible person I could be.

I tried an experiment that got me out of my comfort zone.



From the Rec Desk
Kerry Doran

I built up the courage to tell people around me about how awesome I was for one week. Believe me, it was scary at first; however, I knew it was important to push myself beyond the limits of a lesser me.

I ended up having a lot of fun with it. Most of my friends and coworkers rolled their eyes at what they thought was a cheap attempt to get my ego stroked. Surprisingly, I did get a few affirmations; some of them were soaked with sarcasm. That being said, the main goal of this experiment

wasn't to get people to believe that I was awesome — it was to make myself believe that I was awesome! The end result of the experiment made me realize that my own verbal self-proclamation was more effective in boosting my confidence than was the validation from others.

There are many people out there that literally 'suffer' from lack of confidence. It can be paralyzing, preventing a person from moving forward. Thinking back, perhaps our lack of confidence is due to the conditioning process we had as kids that made us dependent on others rather than being taught independence. Maybe our social structure was designed to produce people who undervalue their own abilities.

I was taught to seek validation for my efforts and inevitably I spent my youth depending on approval from others.

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— Kerry Doran is the Recreation Activities Co-ordinator for the Town of Drayton Valley.

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Drinking and driving never mix

We have all heard the dangers of drinking and driving, and I honestly think we all believe those dangers are real. Why then, do we continue to have death and injury on our roads every day due to impaired driving?

The implications and dangers of impaired driving are clear — fines, licence suspensions, or worse. It's important to remember that the risk is not only on the road. The same applies on the water. The same consequences can apply if you operate a boat, all-terrain vehicle (ATV), side-by-side or snowmobile while intoxicated. Engines and alcohol do not mix.

Whether or not you realize it or care to admit it, alcohol impairs your ability to make clear, major life path, but I've been far from idle. It's enough to bring me up out of the fetal position, if not enough to make me relinquish the Toblerone.

things quickly and safely. Impaired drivers tend to get "tunnel vision" and are not able to process everything happening around them. Unexpected things happen to their ability to react appropriately as they are diminished and that can result in tragedy.

In the West Central Region of Alberta, which includes Parkland County, Spruce Grove and Stony Plain, during 2012, of all drivers involved in fatal collisions, 10 per cent had consumed alcohol before the crash, compared to four per cent of all drivers in injury collisions. Three-fifths of the drinking drivers were males under the age of 35.

Alcohol-related fatal and serious injury crashes occurred throughout the year, peaking in the summer months, on the weekends, from the late afternoon to the early morning hours. Over four-fifths of fatal and serious injury collisions involving drinking drivers occurred in

rural areas.

During the month of December, our enforcement partners are on the lookout for impaired drivers and are endeavouring to keep our roadways safe for all. If you encounter a suspected impaired driver on the road, record the vehicle's licence number and call 9-1-1 from anywhere in the province. Be prepared to tell the dispatcher the licence number and the direction of travel of the vehicle, as well as other descriptors, including why you suspect drunk driving may be involved.

It is critical that we continue saving lives by improving traffic safety on Alberta's roads.

For more information on impaired driving and its consequences, contact Dale Friedel, Regional Traffic Safety Consultant, at 780-252-0988 or d.friedel@gov.ab.ca. Please visit www.saferoads.alberta.ca for more information.

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AND THE WINNER IS...



Courtney Whalen Western Review

The grand prize draw for the Western Review's Santa's Big Cash Giveaway was made on Dec. 23. Rose-Marie Hartman was the big winner and came into collect her prize from sales rep Kelly Morris on Dec. 24. Hartman said she planned to use the money to spread some Christmas spirit to those in need.



Around the water cooler...

Well, the big day is past, even though we're still wearing our stretchy pants from all the turkey and goodies. Now it's time to look ahead to a brand new year!

With all the bustle of the last month it's been pretty quiet this past week. We hope everyone has been taking advantage of any downtime to do a little exploring. There's lots to do when the weather allows. Why not head out to the Pembina Nordic Ski Trails for a family cross country ski? Or strap on some snowshoes and head to the Hill Top Trails. Find directions and trails maps to both

on the Eagle Point/Blue Rapids Parks Council website at www.eporaparcouncil.org.

Or, why not strap on some skates and head down to the Omniplex for some public skating. This week you can hit the ice on Jan. 3 from 6:45-8 p.m. or on Jan. 5 from 5-6:15 p.m. There's no charge for that bit of winter activity.

The start of a new year is a great time to get into some new habits. We'd like to remind our readers that we love to hear from you about upcoming tournaments, events, or stories of interest.

However, to increase the likelihood of us including it in our schedule for coverage the more notice the better! We may act like we know a lot, but in reality unless you let us know what's happening we might miss it! Call Courtney Whalen at 780-542-7574 ext. 24, or e-mail courtney.whelen@draytonvalley.ca to share your news and sports tips with us.

The holiday season is starting to wind down, but as you celebrate the last hurrah remember that no one wins if you drink and drive! That's it for this edition. Have a nifty New Year!

CAUSE FOR CRITTERS PET OF THE WEEK



Rescue! At least! Just when we were wondering where our next meal would come from or if the snow would ever stop falling, we've hit the jackpot! Warmth, food, shelter, water, toys, company... we just found it all in one place. Who can understand burst into spontaneous puffs of gratitude! And we are so glad to have each other. Who can understand you better than someone who has had the same experiences you've had? I hope we will always have each other. You can find us, Jamie (above left) and Rylie (above right), at the Cause for Critters animal shelter: Day 93-5650-55 St., www.causeforcritters.ca, or 780-998-7287.

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2013 sees Merrifield help craft agreement

CETA will move through Parliament for approval

Paul Brian
Western Review

The past year has been a good year for Yellowhead and a great 80-year for Canada, says Yellowhead MP Rob Merrifield.

Tasked by Prime Minister Stephen Harper to work out a free trade agreement with the European Union (EU), Merrifield was an integral part of the federal trade committee that crafted the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA).

Canada's largest free trade agreement to date that will, according to him, spell a bright future for constituents.

"It's going to be very good for the agricultural community, which is good for the riding and forestry is going to be big into Europe," Merrifield said.

"Investment opportunities for European investors coming into Canada will [also] be accelerated. The trade agreement is worth \$12 billion per year in trade for Canada and about 80,000 net new jobs as well as it's worked out to about \$1,000 to a family of four. That's minimum," he added.

Not only local farmers and producers but also small and medium-sized businesses associated with international supply chains will benefit, according to Merrifield. Canadian products will hit Europe's shelves without import taxes, while local shoppers can expect lower prices and more selection of Europe-sourced goods.

Opening up \$40 million high-income earners in the EU will be a great boon to Canada's export economy, Merrifield added.

"It's bigger than NAFTA and its implications for the future of our inter-

national trade portfolio are almost endless," Merrifield said, noting that NAFTA and CETA combined will give Canada access to almost half of the global economy.

"We thought we'd have it out this time last year but it took a little longer. But it's the most comprehensive free trade agreement ever signed between any two countries in the world."

Working with the federal government's trade committee in Brussels, Belgium, Merrifield is pleased that the long-in-the-making deal that's been worked on for the past five years or so has finally come to fruition.

"It's great to see it actually signed and now we have to get it translated and into our parliament for approval," Merrifield said.

"That process will take a couple of years, but you're seeing more interest in trade with Europe by the private sector even now. And then this will eliminate 98 to 99 per cent of all tariffs, so it's very, very big."

Also important will be the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), another trade agreement currently being developed.

"Together with Europe and TPP we would have a privileged position of over 75 per cent of the world's GDP," Merrifield noted.

As for the state of Yellowhead this past year, Merrifield said it is doing very well, with even more economic expansion to come as the Duvernay natural gas field from north of Calgary to south of Grande Prairie is developed.

"It's projected to be very, very large. There's been a tremendous amount of natural gas field money, Chinese money, Japanese money brought into the field and it's just nice to get it going and the tracking



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— Yellowhead MP
Rob Merrifield

technology has allowed it to find reserves we knew were there but not as large as what they are," Merrifield said. "It could be one of the largest in the world. It goes straight through the riding."

The only problem at the point is finding the workforce, according to Merrifield.

"The riding and every community has its own projects and opportuni-

ties, but I've never been more optimistic for the prosperity of the riding," he said. "Lack of labour is our biggest problem and that's going to continue to be that way for awhile."

Out-of-province workers and matching labour force demands with immigration will be the reality going forward Merrifield said.

Merrifield has been asked to work with the legislative arm on Canadian-American issues to improve country-of-origin labelling specifically so that industry isn't impeded by issues surrounding that, as well as working further to help the approval of the Keystone XL pipeline project.

"That's a work in progress, we'll see how that goes. There are lots of very positive things that have happened this year," Merrifield said. "We're right at number 1 in the world. We're not used to a number 1 rating in Canada. We're Canadian so we almost say 'Oh, we're number 1, but we're sorry for that.' Economically we're number 1, number 1 financial system, number 1 place of growth for business over the next year, we will be the low-

est taxes corporately of the G7, I mean, I've been doing extremely well," Merrifield

cited Forbes, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) as institutions backing up his number one assertions.

"I've always felt we should be the richest nation in the world," Merrifield said. "We have more resources per capita than any other country in the world. It's only been politics that's held us back. So I'm very pleased at the direction we're going. We just need to keep it up."

While the Conservative government has accomplished a lot, particularly on the economy, much of the media has focused on the Canadian Senate expenses scandal instead of the government's accomplishments, according to Merrifield.

"We've also made some changes to criminal justice reform to keep our streets safe, and it's been a good year, but all the while all the media have focused on is the Senate," he said, referring to the scandal that has implicated four senators in claiming improper expenses. "Thank goodness our prime minister

was in power when senators got stupid and that he made them accountable, said the money back and kicked them out and disclaimed them and took them off the payroll."

Items Merrifield plans to tackle in 2014 include lowering the cost of wireless Internet and cell phone roaming costs, unbundling television channels so families only pay for what they watch, investigating geographic price discrimination (gouging) and working to keep the streets (and Internet) safe with the Victim Bill of Rights and stricter rules around cyberbullying and sharing of intimate images.

Merrifield stated that 86 out of 100 specific election pledges made to the people of Canada by the Conservative government in 2011 have now been accomplished, with the rest yet to be fulfilled.

There will also be a big announcement coming up for Drayton Valley in the near future.

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Past year was a busy one for Minister McQueen

2013 has been a fantastic year in our constituency. I have had the opportunity to meet with many of our constituents and attend numerous events, and I thank everyone for inviting me to join you at your special birthday parties, anniversaries, community celebrations, parades, rodeos, and all the events that have been hosted in our communities. This is truly the kindest part of my job as your MLA and I look forward to meeting you throughout the holidays.

There are many great projects we have been working on in 2013. Some that I am very happy about are the opening of our new senior complex in Drayton Valley, the approval of increased funding for our water treatment plant, and the continued construction of our bridge project. Funding for our water treatment plant is also a highlight for our community and one that I have been very happy to work closely with the Mayor, council and staff on, as well as continuing the work to bring value added projects to the life of the MLAs.

I have been working very closely with the Devon and Leduc County councils as they begin expansion as this is a top priority for the region, as well as working with Wetaskiwin County and the Summer Village on the next phase of the Pigeon Lake Water Treatment, and will continue to move these projects forward for my constituents.

Schools are also very important for me in our constituency. Our top priority right now in the constituency is the Calmar school modernization,



MLA Report

Diana McQueen
Drayton Valley/Devon MLA

this is a project that I will continue to move forward as it is very important for our staff, students and parents.

We have had numerous approved Community Facility Enhancement Program and Community Initiatives Program grants to our constituency on a wide variety of projects that have been important to all of you. I know there are many more projects that we will work together on in the new year, and I am so looking forward to hearing about the projects that will enhance and build our communities and organizations. I also want to take this time to thank all who work so hard and volunteer to make these projects a reality.

2013 has been such an amazing year for me as your MLA and as your Minister. Over the last two years I have had the distinct pleasure of serving under Premier Redford in Environment and Sustainable Resource Development and now newly appointed as Minister of Energy.

A great deal has been accomplished in ESRD over the last year and I was thrilled to lead this ministry with such

an outstanding team. A few of the highlights are the approval of the new Wetaskiwin Policy, which now includes both the white and green areas of the Province. We have established, through legislation that I carried, Bill 31 The Protecting Alberta's Environment Act, which creates an independent provincial monitoring agency for air, land, water and biodiversity in the province starting with the Lower Athabasca region and then as region plans are implemented they will be added. This independent agency will also have a science advisory board and will be able to give independent data that will be accessible to anyone.

Regional plans continue to be worked on and we are currently working on the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan. I really appreciate all the time everyone has taken to provide their input as we move to a final plan in the new year.

I am also happy to say we have moved this year to the new Alberta Energy Regulator that will review all applications in a holistic manner from start to finish, and implemented the Policy Management Office and Landsowner Register to make it more efficient for all stakeholders, while ensuring strict environmental standards are achieved throughout the entire life cycle of a project.

We held fantastic Water conversations across the province on four main topics — drinking and waste water, water management, hydraulic fracturing, and healthy lakes — that really gave us great direction on the importance of water in Alberta and provided Albertans the opportunity to give

direction into future policies. I have to say I really enjoyed meeting many of the water conversations and ESSRP input sessions in so many communities across the province and hearing first hand such fantastic ideas and passion about Alberta as we plan for the next 30 or more years.

I was very happy as well to ensure appropriate resources were put in place to continue the fight against mountain pine beetle and to be the co-chair of the Forest Products Roadmap. The forest industry is seeing good signs of recovery and we have been working very hard on growing our markets in Asia and doing more value added in the bio economy in Alberta. I was thrilled to work with our Fish and Wildlife partners and to join them at many events and to have the opportunity to join our staff tagging sturgeon on the North Saskatchewan River near Devon; to name just a couple of the many highlights in this wonderful ministry.

As we move forward into 2014 I am just honoured and thrilled that Premier Redford has asked me to lead the Energy Ministry. This is an extremely important ministry for Alberta's economy and as we continue to access new markets to the west, east, south and to the north it will continue to be a priority of our government, and I look forward to working with Premier Redford and my colleagues. Value added will continue to play an important role in this industry and we look forward to the new upgrades opening in 2015-16 which much needed increased diesel supply.

Premier Redford and our team have made tremendous progress on implementing the Building Alberta Plan, be that new schools and modernizations, numerous transportation projects, Family Care Clinics and responding very quickly to help rebuild the lives of the more than 100,000 Albertans impacted by the devastating June floods. We are also living within our means as you told us, with a zero per cent spending increase in budget 2013 and from MLA salaries for a total of four years.

We are doing a great deal to

ensure we are reaching out to Albertans and asking them what they think Budget 2014 should reflect.

I am so looking forward to meeting everyone over the holiday season and in the new year. I want to thank all of my constituents for all the support and well wishes you all give to me. I am so blessed to have such fantastic support from all of you and most of all from my wonderful family who are always there for me. From my family to yours, we wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year.

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Property crime expected to remain focus

2013 saw positive work in addressing area property crime concerns

Courtney Whelan
Western Review

Concentrated efforts made by RCMP in response to an increase in property crime, and the community concerns that rose from it, started to pay off in 2013.

"The work that we've done around property crime has been something that I'm both pleased and proud of," said Drayton Valley RCMP Staff Sgt Brian Jones, looking back on the past year.

"Addressing property crime and identifying and charging those responsible has been a team effort by regular members of the local detachment and the Drayton Valley General Investigation Section throughout the year. There has been an effort by all involved to increase their knowledge and work collectively to address the issue, noted Jones.

Efforts were also helped after Brazeau County agreed to fund an additional position in the GIS unit to bolster resources available to combat property crime.

Part of the work officers are doing is monitoring spikes in property crime and analyzing them in an attempt to be more proactive and keep spikes from becoming trends.

A place of that work has had officers monitoring prolific offenders in the area. This includes doing checks to ensure they're abiding by conditions set by the court.

"We've been unapologetic in the work we've done around that," said Jones.

While clearance rates (as a result of charges or other conclusion to the investigation) aren't as high as he'd like to see them Jones said overall numbers are down, which is positive.

While some of those resulted in death or serious injury, the number of fatalities and serious injury collisions was relatively low when the volume and type of traffic that travels local roads is taken into consideration.

Along with the standard calls local RCMP dealt with on a daily basis, 2014 also provided some larger scale emergencies.

In May Drayton Valley RCMP were part of the response to a wildfire that evacuated the Hamlet of Lodgepole for several days, as well

as another wildfire the following week that saw some residents in the Lindale/Berrymount area evacuated. Thankfully Drayton Valley was able to rely on the support of members from surrounding detachments to assist them in their efforts during those large scale events.

Those incidents were also a prime example of the positive work relationship Drayton Valley RCMP have with their fellow emergency services such as the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services and Associated Ambulance, noted Jones. Moving forward the detachment will work to maintain those positive connections as well as strengthening relationships with other organizations.

The following month Drayton Valley was able to return that support as it was one of the detachments across the province that sent officers into flood-ravaged areas in the south of the province on a rotating basis until the enhanced response effort was called off.

I think every officer who was here who rotated down, once they were on the ground, understood the need for that," he said.

While that assistance did leave the remaining members to fill the gaps, aside from standard leave the Drayton Valley detachment had a good complement of staff in 2013.

"We enjoyed a reasonable degree of stability throughout the year," said Jones.

The year saw new members arrive, both those with experience and those right out of Depot and another officer is anticipated to arrive near the end of January.

The last year also saw two public service positions at the detachment filled after being vacant for a significant period of time. The work put in by the support staff during those vacancies is worth noting, said Jones.

"Their commitment to fill that gap was nothing short of outstanding," he said.

The coming year will bring significant change to the Drayton Valley detachment as Jones will be leaving to take a new position with "K" Division in Edmonton. While waiting for the new detachment commander, a process Jones noted could take several months, Sgt. Chris Delisle will be the acting detachment commander.

Jones anticipates a smooth transition since the command team at the detachment has been in place for a significant amount of time and are familiar with the community and its policing needs.



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New firefighting camp a major highlight in 2013

Wildfires kept firefighters busy in May

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

When it comes to one of the major highlights of 2013 for Fire Chief Thomson the invasion of Station No. 3 by children is what comes to mind.

Last year marked the first time the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services hosted a children's firefighting camp. The four-day camp filled up quickly and had children doing a series of firefighting-related activities overseen by the volunteer firefighting staff.

"That was a huge success for us," said Thomson last week. "That's probably our biggest accomplishment (of 2013)."

In a year that saw the overall call volume decrease, something Thomson attributes to introducing financial penalties for repeat false alarm offenders, firefighters still had a very busy year.

The events that put local resources to the test and kept firefighters away from their families and full time jobs for days at a time were back-to-back wildfires in May.

The local fire services worked closely with Environment and Sustainable Resource Development on a massive wildfire on Crown land that forced the evacuation of the Hamlet of Lodgepole for several days. Just as the local response, just that incident was wrapping up the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services responded to a wildfire in the Lundale/Bermont area that also resulted in the evacuation of residents. The local fire services took the lead on that fire response with support from ESRD.

Although the best case scenario is never to have to respond to wildfire fires, Thomson said the two major incidents did give Brazeau County the opportunity to execute its emergency response plan.

"It really put our emergency plan into action and we know it works and it works well," he said.

In large scale scenarios such as the two wildfires the response requires firefighting resources, but also support from other emergency services and even county staff, who Thomson said jumped right in where they were needed.

"In those types of situations it really is a team," he said.

When it comes to the firefighting team, 2013 was a stand out year for recruitment locally. The fire services traditionally holds two recruitment drives per year, but the response in 2013 was the highest the department has seen in years. As a result of recruitment Station No. 2 in Breton bolstered its numbers with the addition of five new firefighters, while Station No. 3 in Drayton Valley welcomed 11 new members.

"Normally we don't get that high of a response, so that was nice," said Thomson. Thanks to a donation from Pembina Pipeline there was also a larger-than-life addition to the firefighting team — Capra's Turtle was introduced as the fire services' new mascot.

The year just past had firefighters responding to the regular gamut of calls from collisions and brush fires to medical assists and false alarms, but there were a series of calls that stood out.

Lightning strikes caused an abnormal amount of calls, both from striking homes and outbuildings. It's not uncommon for lightning to cause fires in wooded areas, but Thomson said the number of times they responded for lightning striking buildings was unusual.

What was not unusual about 2013 was the number of educational activities put on in the month of October. Coinciding with the national Fire Prevention Week, the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services continued to extend the local campaign throughout the month opening up local fire stations and taking the fire prevention message to area schools. Always popular, two new programs were added this year, including

having a local burn victim speak to classes about his experience.

The Chimney Sweep Program, introduced a few years ago, continued to gain popularity with 41 residences having their chimney inspected and cleaned. Thomson draws a direct connection between that program and a decline in the number of chimney fires are called to.

On the administration side the Fire Services Bylaw and Burning Bylaw were both passed by the Town of Drayton Valley, something Thomson said was long overdue. The bylaws clearly set out regulations and penalties for residents.

There's more administrative work on the horizon for the coming year. Thomson said the fire services will be approaching both councils for discussion about level of service delivery. The discussions will set out what level of service the municipalities want to fund for their residents.

The fire services will also be working on completing a joint emergency response plan for the area it serves including Drayton Valley, Brazeau County and the Village of Breton. Currently each municipality has its own plan instead of one cohesive document.

"We'll be looking to pull that all together for 2014," said Thomson.

There will also be some forward movement on the proposed emergency services training centre. A site near the Drayton Valley Municipal Airport has been identified that Thomson said the site has been surveyed. Planning for the centre will continue in 2014 with hopes that some basic infrastructure can be put in place.

With its resounding success in 2013 the Kids' Firefighting Camp will be back. An anonymous donation has been given to the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services to help put it on next year. Thomson said he will be speaking to the volunteer firefighters who are necessary to put on the camp to see what it will look like this coming summer.



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In the summer of 2013 the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services hosted its first Kids' Firefighting Camp where area children spent four days at the fire hall in Drayton Valley taking part in a variety of games and activities.

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MAN RECOGNIZED FOR ACT OF BRAVERY

Rescue News
Feb. 17, 2013 is day seven McLaughlin will likely never forget. That's because it was the same day the Beaumont resident risked his life to save another man trapped inside a burning semi-trailer truck.

McLaughlin was on Ottawa on Dec. 5 to receive a Medal of Bravery from Governor General of Canada David Johnston for his act of courage. He remembers the drive through a blizzard and McLaughlin was being driven back to Beaumont from the Camrose area by his wife when the two noticed a fiery explosion behind him. The couple was driving through a blizzard and McLaughlin said the heavy snowfall made visibility impossible.

"This vehicle just missed us and hit the semi behind us," he recalled. "So it was an explosion, that's what we saw in the rear-view mirror."

His wife stopped the vehicle and he immediately got out. McLaughlin's two young children were in the back seat.

When asked what he was thinking at the moment in time, McLaughlin gave a succinct answer.

"I didn't. Which is really kind of bad." He ran toward the collision and saw that the smaller car had totally hit the semi's "in pieces."

"There was nothing to be seen of it," he said.

He would have been that driver of the smaller vehicle did upon impact.

McLaughlin approached the larger truck and found it to be completely engulfed in flames. It was deep in the ditch.

All he could hear were screams.

"I was screaming prayers. I didn't think of anything. I just went out," McLaughlin said. "I couldn't burst the window, couldn't open it. I tried for a bit and was going to leave, because my arms were all aligned from the fire."

"But this guy kept screaming. And you can tell when a man is really screaming... It's a different kind of scream than like 'a movie'."

Despite the intense fire and smoke, he continued to try and pry open the passenger's door.

By now his wife is on the phone with 911 and considering driving to a safer spot with the kids.

"She's freaking out, she kept saying that this thing's going to explode," McLaughlin said. "So it was harder for her than it was for me."

McLaughlin's arms were basically on fire at this point and he said he was just about to give up.

"And I tried one more time and it just

magically opened," he said. "Honestly, I didn't put any extra force or anything. For some reason it just opened."

McLaughlin picked the man up and took him to his vehicle. The man was covered in burns.

"He was in severe shock," McLaughlin said. "We put a blanket down on the seats and he burned through the blanket to our seats."

The man ultimately survived the ordeal, thanks to McLaughlin. The Beaumont resident received thanks from the man's employer and they also sent him a gift basket.

For McLaughlin, the best part of the recent ceremony was hearing the stories of the other 39 award recipients from across the country.

"It was kind of neat," he said. "The only thing I really like about it is that now I can show my kids the medal."

When he looks back on the day, all he can recall is that he is happy he was at the right place at the right time.

"It's strange, because I was going to eat at McDonald's in Camrose right before getting home, but my wife said let's wait until we get home," he said. "If I would have said that, he would probably be dead. I was just lucky to be there at the time."

But it was really luck or a stroke of fate?

"That's one piece of the story McLaughlin will never truly know."

"It's probably a bit of both," he said. "Especially for fate."

COWBOYS KILLED FOLLOWING PAIR OF ATTACKS
Bow Valley Otago and Canyon

Two cowboys were shot and killed on Sunday, Dec. 15 following a bizarre pair of attacks that resulted in the death of two dogs on Dec. 12 and Dec. 15.

Pat and Wildlife dispatch received a call around 6 a.m. on the Sunday morning that an Australian shepherd dog had been attacked by a cougar in an unenclosed back yard in a subdivision on the west side of Silver Trail in Canmore.

An officer attended the scene and found a cougar leaving the area. He tracked it and he had entered the subdivision and walked on several decks along the backside of homes in the area.

When the officer returned to the site of the attack, a second cougar, this one a larger female, had returned and was found on top of the dog.

Both cougars were shot and killed when they were determined to be uncharacteristically brazen and lacked a fear of humans.

"These two cougars were believed to be working together, and they are believed to be responsible for the lack

dent on Thursday (Dec. 12) as well," said Brendan Cox with the Solicitor General's Office.

"Both cougars having shown a real lack of fear of humans and also shown that they're really looking to neighbourhood pets as food, they were unfortunately euthanized. Once a cougar gets a taste for dogs like that or gets set in its ways as these cougars were, there's not much you can do to get them back to their natural food sources. Relocating them would just delay the inevitable; the cougars would likely get back to this old habit."

Bow Valley WildSmart program director Kim Tichenor said the incidents serve as a tough reminder that all Bow Valley residents, whether pet owners or not, need to maintain awareness of the wildlife that lives in the valley.

"We really encourage people to walk their dogs on-leash and we focus a lot on when you go into the woods, but you don't expect it when you go to let your dog out. I think something we really need to re-emphasize here is that when we built these homes in some of these places, we built them right on top of cougar habitat, on top of an area where they are hunting," said Tichenor.

"When you look around and you notice your house is next to where a wildlife corridor is or a habitat patch and you are seeing elk and deer, you've got to be under the understanding that you're not just in elk and deer country, you are in active hunting grounds for cougars. We have to treat it as an everyday thing, just part of life. Letting children play in the backyard unsupervised is never going to be OK."

"You don't want to think it's going to happen in your backyard, you don't want to think it's going to happen on that trail where you go every single day and you've never had a problem. I think as a community we tend to become complacent and we want to believe we're safe, and complacency is a killer."

The Thursday incident, which resulted in the death of a medium-sized Australian shepherd dog, took place metres away from the site of Sunday's encounter, said Cox.

In the case of the earlier incident, Cox said while the officials believed the dog was off-leash, the family claimed the dog was actually on an extendable leash.

"It was our understanding that it was off-leash, but the family was saying that it was on an extendable leash and the cougar actually attacked it while it was on its leash. That's more concerning

even than if the dog was attacked off the leash," said Cox.

"It was on its leash then that's just showing that the cougar was even more brazen than to attack a dog off its leash."

Both cougars were being sent to Calgary for a necropsy.

Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation ecologist Melanie Percy said that while the behaviour of the cougars is rare, it's not unheard of.

"It sounds as though the female was in poor body condition. At this time of year, the cougars may be having a harder time hunting because the deer and other ungulates are in fairly good

shape and it would appear that these cats were potentially selecting for dogs," she said.

"Once they kill a dog, it's like a positive reinforcement. In this case, it seemed like the cougars were beginning to select for dogs. It is unusual, but it does happen because cougars see dogs, especially smaller dogs, as being prey. It can happen and it does happen. When they're given an opportunity to target a dog and they successfully kill a dog, then they're more likely to do it again."

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WEAVER ENTERED INTO SCOTTISH REGISTER OF TARTANS

Garneson Canadian
Who knew? Designing an officially recognized tartan is much easier than one would think, as William Voth found.

Voth is the president of the Camrose and District Centennial Museum Society, where he volunteers, but grew up spending a lot of time at a museum called Pioneer Acres near Airdrie.

"I've just always been around museums and they've always had looms in them," said Voth. "Clarity in the loom was what I was going to do. I always wanted to know more about how they work, wanting to understand the ins and outs of what makes a loom work."

Last year Voth noticed an advertisement in a Camrose community paper for weaving looms offered through the Camrose Craft Centre.

"I thought, 'Hey, there's a weaving course. I could learn about what makes a loom work,'" said Voth. "I got asked by the instructor one day what I was going to do for a final project. I had no idea."

Voth considered trying to weave something in his family tartan, but decided he already had enough items with that pattern.

"I got on the Scottish Register of Tartans website and looked around there, realized there was actually not much to registering a tartan," said Voth. "There were tartans registered for just about everything under the sun, except antique engines, which is what I do for fun."

Voth got started on his project with a little help from iPhone apps for designing tartans. He tweaked the scale, doubled the thread count, and used his favourite colour combination to depict the four classic elements.

"The black represents the iron that engines are made out of," said Voth. "Metal from the earth, the coal that steam engines burned or oil for the newer engines. Red represents fire, white represents steam and smoke and the air for combustion as well as water in its liquid state."

Voth found the process of registering his tartan surprisingly easy. A few e-mails back and forth, and he was registered before they even had his woven sample.

"I wrote twice as much as that for my final project," he said, pointing to a framed square of fabric. "Half of it's here and half of it's in their vault over at the Scottish Register of Tartans. They sent me a letter back saying, 'Thank you for the woven sample. It's in our vault. It's climate controlled so the fibres won't disintegrate,' which I had to laugh at, because it's acrylic fibre. It's indestructible."

Despite his success, Voth said he

probably won't do much more weaving.

"I've accomplished my objective: I know the ins and outs of a loom a lot better than I did," he explained, "and my eyesight, even with my glasses, isn't good enough. My eyes were hurting quite badly while I was designing the loom."

A search among the hundreds of tartans on the Scottish Register's website will reveal Voth's design, "Theresa Newcomb's Combustion Engine," categorized as a commemorative tartan.

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS A GROWING CONCERN

Cochrane Times
After three months of study, Cochrane now has some data concerning youth homelessness in the municipality, which appears to be on the rise.

The Boys & Girls Club, in addition to the concerned parties like FCS, the Community Learning Centre and the local high schools, met with Jeff Dyer of Auxano Consulting on Dec. 10 to hear the details of the needs assessment plan they completed with funding from the Alberta Rural Development Network.

With the data now in hand, stakeholders are aiming to create a fully fleshed out plan by the time they have a committee struck by the end of January to tackle youth homelessness in Cochrane.

"After what we've heard we don't have a choice," said Din Ladak, executive director of the Boys & Girls Club. "A community issue has been raised big time."

"Largely this is under the radar," Dyer told stakeholders, noting some of the difficulties in gathering the necessary data. "If you ask the average citizen they won't know this is a problem."

This was reflected in a meeting with local politicians at the municipal and federal levels when the study was initially proposed and met with some skepticism, in part due to the image of Cochrane being a rural community and homelessness being a day problem.

But it isn't. Based on data gathered from Bow Valley High School (Cochrane) could not connect with staff from Cochrane

High School, staff noticed 37 students (primarily 16 or 17-year-olds) had been homeless at some point.

Rather than being seen pushing shopping carts and begging on the streets, youth homelessness is generally defined as "an unaccompanied person age 24 and under lacking a permanent night time residence. They can be living on the street, in shelters, couch surfing, in unsafe and insanitary housing, and living in abusive situations. They may also be about to be discharged without the security of a regular residence from a care, correction, health, or any other facility."

This means that youth homelessness can include sleeping outside under bridges or derelict buildings (called rough sleeping), spending the night with friends or extended family

because they cannot go home (couch surfing) or entering into an exploitative relationship for a place to stay, which can be anything from a sibling taking all the youth's earnings to providing sex to strangers.

One of the reasons for crime among the homeless, especially youth with no support structure in place, is that they need money for food immediately and cannot wait a month in the hopes of being hired followed by a two-week wait for their first pay cheque.

Creating a support structure in Cochrane will curb the belief of criminal activity is necessary for immediate survival, encourage long-term thinking as short-term needs are met and help move homeless youth from the group home to independent living, ideally within a short time of graduation.



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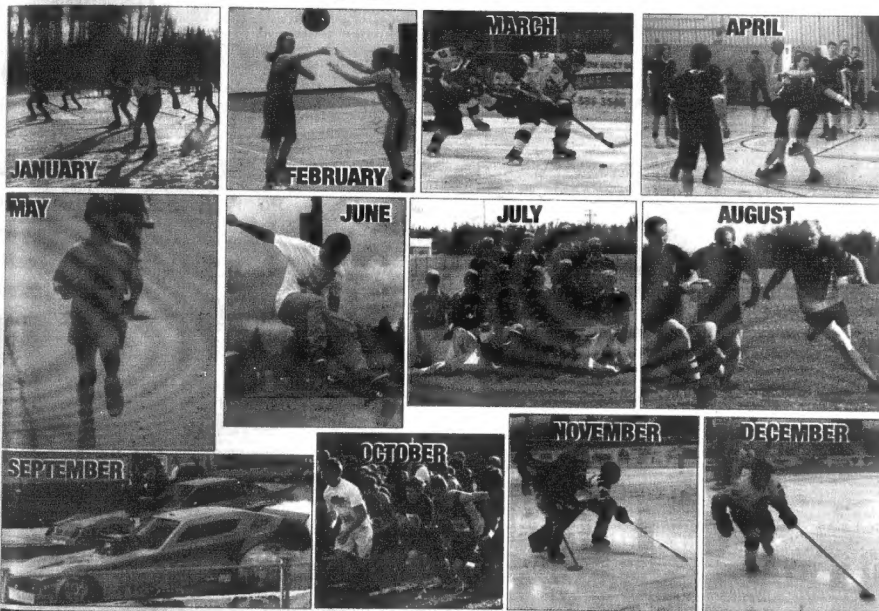
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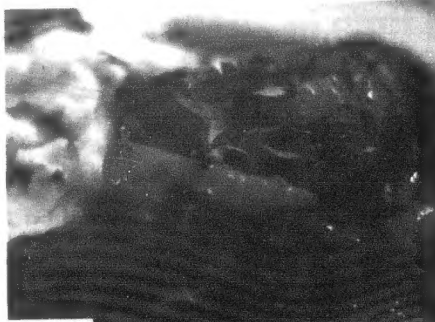


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Beef Bourguignon

Ingredienta

- 3 cups Burgundy wine
- 2 tablespoons brandy
- 2 onions, thinly sliced
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 1 sprig fresh parsley
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 10 whole black peppercorns
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 pounds cubed beef chuck
roast
- 4 tablespoons olive oil,
divided
- 1/4 pound bacon, cubed
- 2 onions, chopped
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose
flour

- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
 - 2 cloves garlic, crushed
 - 1 (1½ ounce) can beef broth
 - salt and pepper to taste
 - 4 tablespoons butter
 - 1 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
- Directions**
1. For marinade: In a large bowl, combine the wine, cognac, onions, carrots, parsley, bay leaf, garlic, peppercorns and salt. Mix well and add the cubed beef. Cover and marinate in the refrigerator for 2 days.
 2. Preheat oven to 300° F (150° C).
 3. For Bourguignon: Strain the meat from the vegetables and marinade; reserve marinade. Dry meat with paper towels.

towels. Heat two tablespoons of the oil in a large skillet over medium high heat. Add the meat and saute for 10 minutes, or until browned on all sides. Transfer meat to a separate medium bowl with a slotted spoon and set aside.

4. In the same skillet, add the bacon and saute until lightly browned. Transfer the bacon to the bowl with the meat. Drain the skillet and return it to the heat. Pour a cup of marinade into the skillet to deglaze the skillet, scraping the bottom to loosen up all the little bits. Return this liquid to the reserved marinade.

5. Heat the remaining oil in the skillet. Add the onion and carrot from the marinade, along with the additional

onion that you've chopped, and saute for 5 minutes, or until tender. Transfer this mixture to the bowl with the meat and bacon, again using a slotted spoon, and return skillet to the heat. Add the flour to the skillet, combining with the oil and stir until well mixed and brown, about 2 minutes.

Season with salt and pepper to taste.

8. About 15 minutes before meat is done baking, melt butter in the skillet over medium high heat. Add the mushrooms and saute for 5 to 10 minutes, or until lightly browned. When meat is done, add the mushrooms to the meat mixture, stir well and let sit for about 15 minutes.

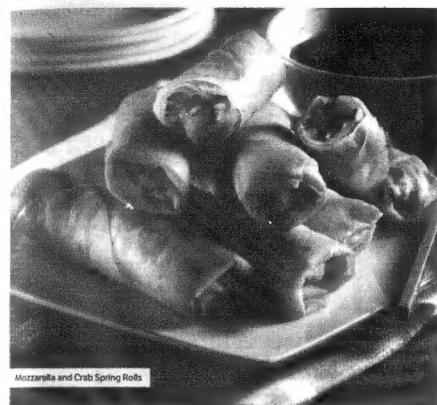
Remove from oven, tent with foil and let rest for 5 to 10 minutes. Cut between bones and serve 2 or 3 chops per person.

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Garlic Cheddar Biscuits*

Ingredients

- Ingredients**
- 2 cups (500 mL) all-purpose flour
 - 2 tsp (80 mL) baking powder
 - 1/2 tsp (2 mL) cream of tartar
 - 1/2 tsp (2 mL) granulated sugar
 - 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
 - 1/2 cup (125 mL) cold butter, cubed
 - 1 cup (250 mL) shredded Canadian old Cheddar, Marble or Monterey Jack
 - 1/2 cup (75 mL) chopped green onions



- 1 cup (250 mL) milk
- Topping:**
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) butter, melted
 - 1/4 tsp (1 mL) garlic powder
- Directions**

Preheat the oven to 450°F (230°C). Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. In a large bowl combine the flour, baking powder, cream of tartar, sugar and salt. Using a pastry blender or two knives, cut in butter until crumbly. Stir in cheese and green onions. Slowly add the milk, stirring with a fork, until the batter reaches a soft dough consistency. On a lightly floured surface, knead dough gently 3 to 4 times until it holds together. Roll out to 3/4-inch (2 cm) thickness. Cut into squares or use a 3-inch (7.5 cm) cookie cutter for fun-shaped biscuits; re-roll scraps once.

to make about 12 biscuits. Place at least 2 inches (5 cm) apart on prepared baking sheet.

Topping: In a small bowl, combine melted butter and garlic powder; brush biscuits with half of the mixture. Bake for 12 min or until starting to brown. Brush with remaining butter mixture. Bake for an additional 2 to 3 min or until golden brown. Best served warm!
Preparation time: 15 to 20 minutes
Baking time: 10 to 12 minutes
Yield: 12 biscuits
Cooling Tip: Double the recipe to make 24 biscuits, baking in upper and lower thirds of the oven and rotating the pans among racks halfway through baking.

Mozzarella and Crab Spring Rolls*

Prep and cook time:
15-20 minutes
Yield: 2 to 4 servings

Ingredient

- 1/2 cup (125 mL) crabmeat (or crab-flavoured Pollock), shredded
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) Canadian Mozzarella, grated
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) cucumber, grated
- Dash of sesame oil
- Pinch of freshly ground

- 8 spring roll wrappers
- Oil for deep-frying

Directions

1. Mix crabmeat with Mozzarella and cucumber. Add sesame oil and pepper.
2. Divide mixture between spring roll wrappers and roll up.
3. Heat oil to 350°F (180°C) and deep-fry until golden brown. Serve.

Strawberries & Potted Cream*

Preparation time: 10 minutes
Refrigerating time: 2-3 hours
Yield: 6 to 8 servings

Ingredients:

- 1 envelope (7 g) gelatin (1 tbsp/15 mL)
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) cool water
- 2 cups (500 mL) 35% cream

- 1 cup (250 mL) milk
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) vanilla extract
- 5 tbsp (75 mL) granulated sugar, divided
- 1-1/2 cups (375 mL) strawberries

Directions
In a bowl, sprinkle gelatin

over cool water; let stand for 5 min to soften.

In a saucepan, combine cream, milk, 1/4 cup (60 mL) of the sugar and vanilla. Bring to a simmer over medium heat, stirring often. Pour over gelatin mixture and stir well until gelatin is dissolved.

Pour into 2 to 8 glasses or dessert dishes. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 2 to 3 hrs or until set, or for up to 2 days.

When ready to serve, in a bowl, using a potato masher or a fork, mash strawberries and remaining sugar.

together and spoon on top of cream in dishes.

Tip for Kids: Make mini desserts using liqueur glasses or fun-coloured small dishes. Sprinkle some mini chocolate chips on top of the strawberries.

Variation: Scrape the seeds of 1/4 vanilla bean and into cream mixture and add pod instead of extract. Heat as directed and discard pod before mixing with gelatin.

Using a mini chopper, process the sugar for the topping with a pinch of dried lavender flowers, then mash with strawberries.

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Members of Drayton Valley's Straight Blast Gym were in Edmonton at the beginning of December for testing and a two-day seminar. Athletes performed very well in their testing, with several earning stripes on their existing belts and two earning new belts. Pictured at left are Jesse Atwell, Dillon Maine, Rowan Campbell, Brysica Kennedy, Travis Davidson, Bill Campbell and Justin Jabbs.

Club welcomes new blue belts

► Athletes perform well during testing earlier this month

Special to the Western Review

On the weekend of Dec. 6-7 Straight Blast Gym Drayton Valley attended a training seminar at SBT, Edmonton.

Travis Davidson was brought up from his gym in Kalispell, Montana to do some annual testing of the Alberta athletes. He also put on a two day seminar, jamming in 12 hours worth of not only the physical techniques but some philosophy and how to deal with some of the mental frustration that one can deal with when learning an art that never stops tracking.

Rowan Campbell and Brysica Kennedy both received their blue belt during an intense grading on the weekend. Both athletes were

quite stunned but well deserved the grading they received. It is a huge accomplishment to receive a blue belt through SBT. Receiving the belt is not just based on the techniques but how well they are performed under pressure.

"I am very proud of how hard these two have worked, they have come so far and their dedication shows," said Coach Bill Campbell. Dillon Maine, Justin Jabbs, and Jesse Atwell all received stripes on their white belts. Dillon and Justin both received two stripes while Jesse received three stripes. Each stripe marks a level achieved in between belt colours.

"The boys have all done well over the last nine months, each developing their own style that suits their body type. All of them are starting to give their coach a hard time on the mat," said Campbell.

Naula Hogan and Kurt Schneider both attended the seminar as well. As brand new students to the art they really stepped out of

their comfort zone to attend and learned a great deal.

"I can already see a difference in the way they are moving and playing the game," noted Campbell.

Everyone had the opportunity

to get to know their teammates from different locations. Once you realize you are connected to people all over the world it becomes fun and exciting to meet them at a different event held throughout the year.

The club is now looking forward to competing in the New Year with a brand new crop of students!

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Make a resolution to be cyber safe

Decide to protect yourself online this year

Even with New Year's resolutions, you can get ahead of the curve. How about, for example, "Think before I app" or "Keep a clean machine?"

Similar to eating better and exercising more, both resolutions aim at improving the quality of your life. The following "cyber safe" resolutions, for example, could have an impact on your personal identity, on your online accounts, and even on your financial information.

Keep a clean machine: Keep software current and use the most recent version of your mobile operating system, security soft-



ware, apps and web browsers. Resolve to do these simple things is among the best defenses against malware, viruses and other

Protect your personal information: Check privacy settings on your online accounts. Use strong pass-

words, and be careful of what you share online including your name, location, and other personal details like where you go to school or your age.

Secure your device: Use a strong passcode to lock your smartphone or tablet.

Think before you app: Understand what information (i.e., location, your contacts, social networking profiles, etc.) the app would access and share before you download it. Always download apps from trusted sources.

Back it up: Sync your contacts, photos, videos and other mobile device data with another device or cloud service on a weekly basis. Making these resolutions will help to keep you safe online. More information can be found at www.GetCyberSafe.ca.

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Be careful what you share online

It's tempting to post lots of details about a winter getaway online, and in real-time, but be aware that you aren't the only one to have discovered how amazing it can be to share photos and information online and on social networks.

Cyber criminals like to "get social" too, but their definition of that term is to help themselves to your personal information, among other things. These criminals pretend to be people they aren't and you can give them access to your personal information, location, and activities without even knowing it.

And that is just one threat. You can also put yourself at risk, by sharing comments or pictures that may come back to haunt you and your reputation. Here are some tips to help you share with care:

• Limit the personal information you share online to

only what's necessary. Be careful using your full name, contact information, home address, phone numbers, e-mail address, last names of friends or relatives, age, birth date or other personal information.

• Check the privacy and security settings of your social network and use them to control who sees what. Most have default settings that likely provide more access than you'd like. You can adjust settings to the highest possible level to protect your information and control who can see personal details (rather than "everyone" or "friends of friends").

• Be cautious about tagging photos or details in photographs that you post or share. Photographs can reveal a lot of personal information when there are clearly identifiable details such as street signs, license plates on cars, or the name of a school on clothing and geotag settings can reveal



When you're enjoying a vacation you often want to share that with friends online. Be sure you're being cyber safe about it.

location details.

• Finally, don't announce to the world that you are on vacation. You might as well leave the door unlocked and welcome sign out front for thieves. Save those updates and photos to share when

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advice

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Dear Working Wise: Is my company allowed to reduce my rate of pay when my job responsibilities haven't changed and I haven't had any disciplinary issues? Does it matter if the company or franchise has come under a new owner? Are they still allowed to cut my pay? Signed, Upset at Work

Dear Upset: I wish I had better news for you, but yes, your employer can reduce your rate of pay. Your compensation is a matter that you, or in some cases your bargaining unit, negotiate with your employer. The only exception might be if you are working under a contract that guarantees you a certain minimum wage.

Alberta's Employment Standards, however, do require employers to give you adequate notice of the pay change and comply with

Alberta's minimum-wage laws.

An employer who wants to reduce an employee's pay must notify the employee before the pay period begins.

If you would like to learn more about protections for workers and their earnings, visit <http://humanserv-ices.alberta.ca/working-in-alberta> and read the Employment Standards fact sheets on **Payment of Earnings and Minimum Wage**.

If you have any other questions, I encourage you to call the Employment Standards contact centre, toll-free, at 1-877-427-3731.

Everyone wants to feel like they are being treated fairly at work. Knowledge is power. If you do not feel that you are being offered a competitive salary at your current job, do a little research.

Check out the 2014 Alberta Wage and Salary Survey, which covers more than 400

occupations, at www.alis.alberta.ca/WageInfo.

Visit www.monster.ca and use their online salary wizard, which allows you to check salary ranges by occupation and geographic location.

Check current job postings or try talking to someone in a similar job or field. You can also try checking to see if your professional association conducts salary surveys or tracks the trends.

Your research might help you build a compelling case for a raise or help you decide if it is time to look for a job elsewhere.

Good luck!

— Do you have a work-related question? Send your questions to WorkingWise@charlesstrachey.com. Charles Strachey is a manager with Alberta Human Services. This column is provided for general information.



ATTENTION RESIDENTS INCLUDED IN THE 2013 ANNEXATION



The Town of Drayton Valley is implementing a change in the Solid Waste Collection for the residents included in the 2013 annexation.

As of January 1, 2014 you are asked to choose the method in which your household waste and blue bag recycling is collected; either by adopting the bin system currently in place within The Town, or by acquiring an Aspen Waste Management Authority ID Card to be used at the Aspen Waste Management Facility (landfill). Please visit the Town Office to complete the necessary agreement prior to January 31, 2014. You will be required to surrender your County Transfer Station card upon signing the agreement. At such time if no arrangements have been made your household waste collection and blue bag recycling will become your responsibility.

If you have any other questions or concerns please feel free to call the Town Office at 780-514-2200 or visit www.draytonvalley.ca

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Take notice that the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board will meet on **Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 10:00 am** to consider the following appeal:

APPEAL: To Appeal a Development Permit
NE 17-50-06-WSM

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Jason & Lucy Kennedy (Dor-Kal Valve Maintenance Ltd.)
APPLICANTS: Shawna McGinn, David & Jan Kessler and Jo Stuckenberg
FILE: 1304AS 050

Persons who wish to express an opinion on this application may attend the Hearing on **Thursday, January 9, 2014** noted above or submit written comments in advance to the undersigned.

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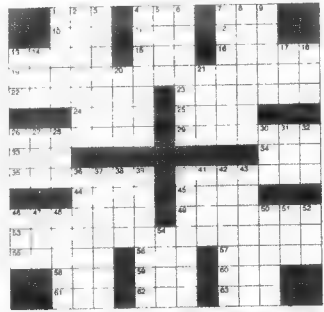
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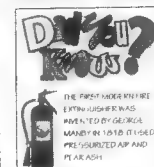


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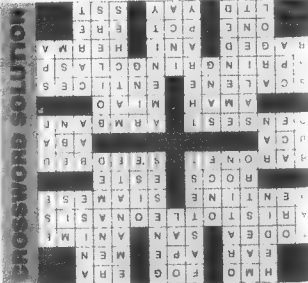
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